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REMARKS

Preliminarily to the initial examination of the above-identified application on its merits, it is respectfully requested that the originally filed Abstract be deleted, and that the foregoing Abstract be substituted therefor.

The purpose of this amendment is to more clearly, distinctly and accurately state in the Abstract the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention, and the subject matter that is covered by the claims of this application. It is believed that no new matter is being added to this application by the foregoing Amendment. It also is believed that the new Abstract is in compliance with the Rules that recently became effective limiting the length of Abstracts to no more than 150 word or 15 lines.

Early and favorable consideration of this request and the entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested in response to this communication.

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Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Request. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or a credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105** as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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